

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28 with:

Another alloy is disclosed in DE 41 23 606 C2 which is likewise suitable for the production of castings for crowns, bridges, and models~~is~~. The coefficient of thermal expansion stated in said reference shows that this alloy is suitable for ceramic veneers. However, it differs from the alloy of the invention and must, in particular, contain rare-earth elements to an extent of from 0.15 to 0.35 wt%, which is a disadvantage in a different aspect of the present invention, namely the desire to be able to produce this alloy by extrusion.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with:

It is known to the person skilled in the art that alloys having a content of rare earth metals cannot be produced by extrusion since the lanthanoid elements do ~~no~~not guarantee consistent analysis results due to their fusion loss characteristics. When production is effected by extrusion casting, however, the process involves keeping the metal alloy in the liquid state for a number of hours up to half a day, so that the fusion losses of the alloying elements are considerable.